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PAY ATTENTION

NSA Environmental Department

There has been a recent increase in fuel spills at the Navy Exchange (NEX) Citgo Gas Station. Most of the spills are the result of people not paying attention when they are pumping fuel and overfilling their fuel tanks. Other causes of spills have been the pump nozzle not being inserted all the way into the tank and occupants who are pumping fuel leaving the pump unattended after wedging the pump handle.

According to an article in the April 2002 National Fire Protection Association's (NFPA's) Special Data Information Package, since 1980, the number of

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Filler 'er Up - Most of the spills at the NEX Citgo station are the result of people not paying attention when they are pumping fuel and overfilling their fuel tanks. (Photo by Art



MISSION:

Leadership Millington members paid a visit to NSA Mid-South last week to learn about the command's mission and that of the various tenant commands. Sponsored by the Millington Chamber of Commerce, Leadership Millington works to foster leadership, volunteerism and community support necessary to sustain growth and property. (Photo by Art Frith)

Midshipmen to spend spring break volunteering in Gulf Coast

By Midshipman Scott Dearden U.S. NAVAL ACADEMY PUBLIC AFFAIRS

ANNAPOLIS, Md.— More than 40 U.S. Naval Academy midshipmen will spend their spring break in New Orleans and Biloxi, Miss., volunteering their time to help victims of Hurricane Katrina.

While many college students relax with friends on the beach,

this week living in tent cities as volunteers working with local relief organizations in the Gulf Coast. Hurricane Katrina passed Louisiana through Mississippi Aug. 29, destroying thousands of homes and businesses. Volunteers and money poured in from across the nation and around the world to help the victims. "I know that those people need help," said midshipman midshipmen will be doing gener- arranging work for them to do. use spring break to go home or Allan Phillips of Mechanicsburg, al clean-up work in New Pa. "It's hard to enjoy spring Orleans. Midshipman Tina Terry

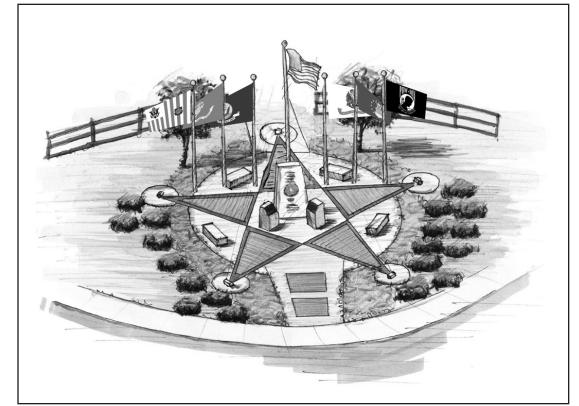
people that need help."

will be in New Orleans, helping clean out homes that flooded when the levees broke during the storm surge. Another group of 23 midshipmen will provide construction work in the community around Keesler Air Force Base in Biloxi, focusing on is roofing and electrical work. The rest of the 44 midshipmen are spending break when you know there are of Spokane, Wash., is excited to churches, while others are pay- Annapolis on Mar. 17.

interact with the residents and ing for the trip out of their own One group of 17 midshipmen to get to know those she is helping. "People really love to go and serve other people," she said. Armed with leather gloves, rubber boots, camouflage utilities, facemasks and a few small tools, the midshipmen will travel to the affected areas where they will work with different nonprofit organizations who are

pocket. When they arrived on Mar. 13, the midshipmen moved into a "FEMA village" or one of the tent cities set up by relief organizations. These basing areas will provide food, restrooms, showers, tents, and laundry facilities for the volunteers. "It's a good opportunity to help in need," othersMidshipman Steve Porter of Some raised funds through Chino Hills, Calif. The midshipfriends, relatives, and local men are due to head back to





HONORING OUR VETERANS - An artist's concept of what the City of Bartlett's Veteran's Memorial will look like when all the bricks are purchased and laid. (Graphic by Ben Witt)

Buy a brick campaign to honor local heroes

By ART FRITH **NSA Mid-South Public Affairs**

During a time when the number of World War II veterans is decreasing and the number of today's veterans is on the rise, individuals and communities search for ways to honor those who put themselves in harm's way and served our country with honor.

It is unusual for any city to have two Medal of Honor recipients. Tech. Sgt. Vernon McGarity, U.S. Army (World War II), and Sgt. Walter K. Singleton, U.S. Marine Corps (Vietnam War), were awarded our nation's highest military award. Bartlett veterans like Paul Blanq and Donna Denley were looking for a way to come up with a fitting monument to honor these two hometown heroes. "We wanted a monument where there would be no doubt

that drivers were passing by a veterans' memorial and exactly what the City of Bartlett thinks of its veterans," said Denley.

Enter Ben Witt, an architect who volunteered his time for the cause. He came up with his concept of what such a memorial to honor McGarity and Singleton. It would consist of a granite monument for each man located in the center of a star with five red points, surrounded by the U.S. flag, the flags of all the branches of the armed forces, and a Prisoner of War flag.

With the sketch in hand, Denley called the mayor's office to present the idea to city officials. Bartlett Mayor A. Keith McDonald endorsed the proposal and appointed an adhok committee to take on the task to

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The web address for on-line vehicle decal renewal has been updated. https://www.pid.cni.navy.mil/form2.asp?Region=CNRSE.

The 2006 Women's History Month luncheon will be held at the Helmsman Complex Ballroom on Fri., Mar. 24 @ 1130. For tickets and more information, call the Base Chapel @ 874-5341.

This is a call for volunteers to participate in a great program that helps new Navy spouses. COMPASS is a 12-hour teammentoring program developed by spouses for spouses. COM-PASS is open to all Navy spouses and is presented over three days, four hours per day. A team is being established in Millington during this month, beginning with a three day training session on March 21-23, at the base chapel from 0900 to 1300 daily. Pre-registration is required and babysitting will provided on site with advanced notice. Call 872-8159 for information and registration.

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From the Fleet:

fundraising campaigns each year: the Combined Federal Campaign (CFC) and the Navy and Marine Corps Relief Society (NMCRS). The CFC drive is in our rear view mirror, and now it's time to support NMCRS. The campaign runs through March

Why should you support NMCRS? I think the answer is pretty simple - sailors and Marines have the opportunity to provide direct support to other sailors and Marines (and their families) who are in need. This is perfect in my book. While we all hope we never need to turn to others for financial assistance, the fact is thousands of sailors and Marines rely on NMCRS each year. Without your generous giving, there would be no help, or at least not the help many of our own have come to appreciate.

year, NMCRS processed more than 42,900 claims and provided approxi\$33 million of that was for emergency aid and the other \$3 million was for education programs.

The mission of NMCRS is to provide a partnership with the Navy and Marine Corps, financial, educational and other assistance to members of the naval services, eligible family members, and survivors when in need and to receive and manage funds to administer these programs.

The two primary services offered by the NMCRS are interest-free loans grants to meet emergency needs and needs-based scholarships and interest-free loans for educational purpos-

In addition, the society offers the following services: budget counseling services; food lockers at some locations; infant layettes (aka, "junior seabags") and budget for baby seminars; thrift shops; and visiting nurse

The Navy supports two mately \$36 million in finan- services. Last year alone, cial assistance. More than NMCRS caseworkers handled more than 13,600 indi-



BY FLTCM(AW/SW) Jon R. Thompson

vidual counseling and referral cases, as well as handed out more than 6,900 layettes and visiting nurses conducted more than 31,000 patients.

I'm not going to suggest any amount you should give, I'll leave that part up to you. I will, however, offer are a few reasons why I think you should carefully consider giv-

Please Give Generously to the Navy and Marine Corps Relief Society

ing to this charity.

When it comes to financial assistance, there are eight major categories of NMCRS support that each of you should be aware of:

* Emergency transporta-

* Funeral expenses,

Medical/dental bills (patient's share),

Food, rent, and utilities, * Disaster relief assistance.

* Child care expenses, Essential vehicle repairs, and

* Unforeseen family emergencies.

When I look at this list, I quickly realize almost of all of us experience one or more of these in our careers. In a perfect world, we would all be financially savvy enough to have money set aside for these types of emergencies. However, I fully realize debt is a real thing and many of you may be living payday to payday just to support your families. When an

emergency strikes, it's critical each of you understand the NMCRS might offer some relief.

The educational assistance provided by the NMCRS is equally as impressive. There are four primary educational programs:

* Vice Adm. E.P. Travers Scholarship and Loan Program,

USS Tennessee Scholarship Fund,

* Dependents of Deceased Service Members Scholarship Program, and Adm. Mike Boorda

Scholarship Program. For information on

any of these programs, please visit the NMCRS Web site at http://www.nmcrs.org.

Shipmates, I can't say enough about how important the NMCRS is to our service and I can only hope that chiefs and officers throughout the fleet take the time to talk this program up and explain to each of you why

you should give generously. I've met countless people who have used the NMCRS for assistance and when you hear the stories of those who turned to the society when they were in need, and received assistance, you start to understand the magnitude of the total impact on our Navy and Marine Corps.

When you get your form, please think about some of the emergencies I have described this week and ask yourself if you might every experience one of them. Life offers few guarantees, and the NMCRS is OUR resource to turn to when the unexpected happens. While the Navy's goal is 100 percent contact with each and every one of you, I sincerely hope each of you choose to contribute. Even if only a little, when you add all our contributions up, it's a sum that can help thousands and thousands of our fellow sailors and Marines! Again, please give generously!

Legally speaking: Breach of contract

By Lt. Beth Kotny **NAVY LEGAL SERVICES OFFICE** PENSACOLA, FLA.

Contracts are promises to buy and sell things or services. Common types of contacts include apartment leases, auto repairs, loans and cell phone agreements. There are two basic types of contracts: express and implied. An express contract is a contract formed by language (either oral or written) and an implied contract is formed by conduct.

In a court of law, the first fact that must be determined is whether a contract exists. A court will look to mutual assent, consideration and defenses. Mutual assent is simply a "meeting of the minds" concerning an and acceptance. Second, was there valuable consideration? Consideration can be thought of as a bargainedfor exchange that includes detriment. A gift will not meet this element. Lastly the court will determine if there are any defenses. For instance, a minor cannot enter into a valid contract, and you cannot enter into a contract for an illegal pur-

If there is a valid contract, the next step is to determine if there has been a breach of contract. Here's

a case to illustrate the point. Tate and Julie's roof is damaged in a storm. They enter into a valid contract with Timmy's Roof Repair to shingle their roof with white shingles for \$10,000. They agree on a date to begin the work, and Tate and Julie leave on a road trip the week before the job is to start. When they come home, they discover that Timmy's Roof Repair must have mixed up the dates and their roof has been shingled while they were away. The problem is that instead of using the white shingles, Timmy's used dark brown shingles. Has Timmy breached the contract? What are Tate and Julie's options?

minor or material. A minor breach is one in which a party receives essentially what she bargained for. An example of a minor breach would be insignificant delays in completion or small deficiencies in the quality of performance where precision is not critical. A material breach goes to the heart of a contract. An example of a material breach would be ordering a shirt but receiving pants. Whether the breach is minor or material will affect the type of remedy.

Courts generally apply following criteria:

amount of benefit received, adequacy of damages, extent of part performance, hardship to breaching party, negligent or willful breach, and likelihood of full perform-

In Tate and Julie's scenario, Timmy has breached the contract. A court will look to the difference in having a white vs. brown shingles to determine if the breach was minor or material. Is there a difference in house temperature because of the darker shingles? How much will it cost to redo the job? If the court determines that the beach was minor the remedy may be a reduced contract price. If it was a material breach the court may award Tate and A breach will be either Julie all costs relating to tearing down the shingles and redoing the roof with white shingles.

It is important that all contracts you enter into be in writing and signed by both parties. Never rely on oral promises that are not included in the written contract. Make sure you understand all the terms of the agreement. Get a copy of the contract. You should also have an attorney look over the contract. To make an appointment with a legal assistance attorney, please call the Naval Legal Service Office located in Bldg. 794 at

IRS Offers Filing Season Assistance to Hurricane Victims

By LIFELINES AND IRS RESEARCH STAFF

Many taxpayers who were affected by hurricanes Katrina, Rita or Wilma face special challenges this filing season. These challenges may include retrieving copies of prior year tax returns or learning how to claim a casualty loss on a 2005 tax return. Whatever the issue, the Internal Revenue Service offers a number of channels of assistance to hurricane victims.

For hurricane victims who need help with tax matters, the IRS has a dedicated toll free number to call, 1-866-562-5227. This is a one-stop shop offering help on multiple issues that this Web site, IRS.gov, features a special section with the new tax laws and resources for hurricane victims, including answers to frequently asked questions. See the links below to "Tax Relief in Disaster Situations" and "Help for Katrina Victims." Taxpayers can also use this Web site Publication "Information for Taxpayers Affected by Hurricanes Katrina, Rita and Wilma," which will be available in late January.

Free volunteer return preparation assistance is available for low- to moderate-income individuals through the Volunteer Income Tax

Assistance (VITA) and Counseling for the Elderly (TCE) programs. Call 1-800-829-1040 to find a location near you.

Finally, help with return preparation or other basic tax services is available free or at low cost through disaster relief agreements with the tax professional community, while IRS Taxpayer Assistance Centers can also provide help with tax matters to hurricane victims.

Hurricane victims who have not been able to secure help through other channels may call the Taxpayer Advocate Service at 1-877-777-4778. For people interested in helping Hurricane Katrina victims, the IRS arise for disaster victims. Similarly, reminds taxpayers about a leave donation program it has established with employers. The leave donation program allows employees to help Katrina victims without having to make a cash donation. Taxpayers should check with their employers for more information.

Editor's Note: VITA is available at NSA Mid-South for people making less than \$35,000 who would like assistance with simple returns and electronic filings. This free service is available at two locations: on the fist deck of Bldg. 455 (by appointment by calling 874-7379), and walk-ins at Bldg. 791, Room H200 from 8 a.m. to 12 p.m. weekdays.

College fair to be held

By William Jackson **GIRLS INCORPORATED OF MEMPHIS**

At a time when growing numbers of students are applying to college across the country, more students and families are seeking information on college selection and financial

The Memphis national college fair on March 26, is designed to help simplify the college admissions process. This free event will be held from 1-4 p.m. at the Mid South Coliseum in Memphis and will offer students and parents the opportunity to meet one on

one with admissions representatives from a wide range of national and international, public and private, two-year and four-year colleges and universities. Attendees will learn about admission requirements, financial aid, course offerings, campus environment, and other information pertinent to college selection.

Since 1972, the national college fair program has annually helped families nationwide to explore their options for higher education. For more information on the Memphis national fair, call William Jackson at (901) 523-0217 ext. 1203, or go on-line at www.nacac.org.

Calendar

- The Memphis chapter of the Vietnam Veterans of America meets at the Ridgeway Baptist Church the first Thursday of every month at 7 p.m. Veterans, family and friends of veterans and those interested in learning more about Vietnam Veterans are cordially invited to attend. Please call Paul Boundy at 874-3947 for more information.
- St. Anne's Episcopal Church at 4063 Sykes Road in Millington will hold its annual Attic Treasures and Plant Sale from 8 a.m. to 2 p.m. April 1. Treasures will include Department 56 Christmas Village Collectables, clothes, furniture, books and more. Gardeners will find flowering shrubs, ground covers, vegetable starters, blackberry lilies and much more. For more information call Diana Ward at the church at 872-0303.

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Seabees Celebrate 64th Anniversary

By ART FRITH **NSA Mid-South Public Affairs**

Sailors, active duty and retired, whose careers have spanned decades, gathered at the Pat Thompson Conference

ebrate the 64th anniver- Naval sary of the U.S. Navy Seabees and the 139th Mid-Atlantic, anniversary of the Civil Seabee Ball.

Center Friday night to cel- executive officer of the Engineering Command ball's guest speaker. Engineer Corps with the Morton spoke of his expe-2006 NSA Mid-South riences with the Seabees, in particular, his recent Capt. Douglas Morton, time with NMCB-133 in



Remember

A lone place setting served as a somber reminder to the attendees at Friday's 2006 **NSA Mid-South Seabee** Ball, of all Seabees who came before them and those who have made the ultimate sacrifice in their service to our nation. (Photo by Art Frith)

Afghanistan and Iraq.

The youngest activeduty Seabee, UT2 John Scott, wasn't even born when the oldest activeduty Seabee, UCCM Brian Lib, enlisted in the Navy in 1975. Capt. Bret Muilenburg joined Morton, Scott and Lib in the ceremonial cutting of the birthday cake.

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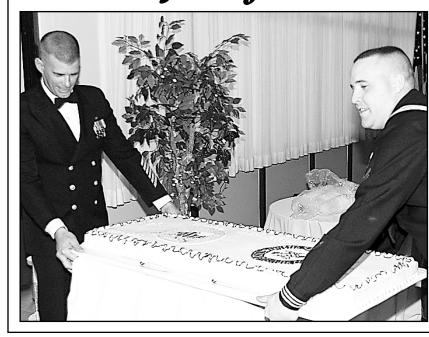
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Young and old



Scott, the oldest and youngest Seabee at this year's ball, bring in the cake last Friday evening at the 2006 NSA Mid-South Seabee Ball commemorating the 64th anniversary of the Seabees and 139th anniversary of the Civil **Engineer Corps.** (Photo by Art Frith)

Young and Old -

UCCM Brian Lib

and UT2 John

The Outdoor Adventure Center:

For Big and Little Adventures

By Holly Selders FOR LIFELINES.NAVY.MIL/ LIFELINES.USMC.MIL

Does scaling vertical cliffs, navigating white water rapids, and sleeping outside with only a campfire to keep the grizzlies at bay sound relax-The Outdoor Adventure Center is definitely for you. Do you prefer hiking quiet back trails, biking, or the peace of a solitary canoe ride? The Outdoor Adventure Center is also for you. Adventure Center.

The Outdoor Adventure Center (OAC), a department of the Navy's Morale, Welfare, and Recreation (MWR) and Marine Corps Community Services (MCCS), offers "high adventure" outdoor recreation experiences. It's like Vertical Limit meets James Bond meets Mission Impossible (without the movie stars, hot babes, or bad guys). The OAC provides access to "human powered" Eco Challenge-type activities: hiking, backpacking, fishing, kayaking, rock climbing, white water rafting, skiing, snowboarding, scuba diving, and surfing, to name a few.

The OAC guides day and overnight trips. A typical overnight kayak trip leaves Saturday morning and returns home Sunday evening. Adventure seekers drive to their river destination, paddle most of the day, cook over a campfire, sleep under the stars, then paddle part of the next day. Instruction, equipment, and supervision are provided as necessary and appropriate. Natural resources dictate what trips are offered. For example, NAS Sigonella, Italy offers volcano climbing, which, obviously, you need a volcano for. The OAC at Pearl Harbor Naval Station takes advantage of its island location to offer snorkeling and kayaking.

Larry Everett, recreation assistant at OAC in Dam Neck, Va., notes that everyone on their staff

has a niche specialty and, "safety is always first." For instance, all climbing guides are certified by the American Mountain Guides Association and canoeing instructors by the American Canoe Association. This isn't necessarily the case at every OAC, however, so check with your local OAC and use common

Opportunities are also available for teens. The OAC at Dam Neck has a summer adventure camp for dependents age 12 to Looking to build a team? 17. It's a one-week, all-Outdoor inclusive, cave exploration trip for an affordable fee. (Summer cave exploration camp: \$200. Having the house to yourself for one week: priceless.)

Leadership and team training is another service offered by the OAC. Elements such as the rope challenge course, a 60-foot to encourage teamwork and participation than a

based seminars. Participants are given challenges that can only be completed by physically working together.

OACs best-known function is equipment rental. No longer a catch-all department for lawnmowers and barbecue grills, Everett noted that customers show up expecting to rent a \$30 tent with one pole and two stakes, but wind up with a \$300 multi-cabin tent that looks and works like brand new. Other available equipment includes backpacks, sleeping bags, camp stoves, coolers, fishing gear, canoes, kayaks, and mountain bikes. The OAC at MCCS Miramar has a complete list of the gear available online.

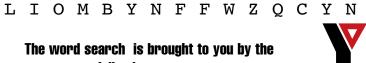
Trips and rentals need to be planned ahead. Call or visit your local center to find out what's available and the cost alpine tower, and the involved. Check out San "safety trust fall" do more Diego area MWR, which has four OAC locations. Yokosuka, Japan activi-

year's worth of desk- ties are available on a more limited basis.

> Whatever your appetite for adventure, your first stop should be the OAC.

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SEABES always can do Photo by Tech Sgt. Joseph McLean

By JO3 JESSICA FORTHOFFER ENLISTED PLACEMENT MANAGEMENT CENTER

They build, they fight and they sacrifice. Their very creation was spawned by one of the most notorious days in the history of the United States. Even Hollywood couldn't ignore their contribution to freedom and democracy. They are the Seabees.

Their name coined from the initials for "construction battalion," the Seabees were created after the attack on Pearl Harbor, when Rear Adm. Ben Moreell understood that a force that could build and fight would be necessary to win the Second World War. On March 5, 1942, just eight days after Moreell submitted his request to create such a force to the Board of Navigation, the Seabees were born under his motto, "We build, we fight."

The heroic "can do" tradition of construction battalions was immediately recognized when the first Seabees to build under combat conditions were rebuilding Henderson Field, taken from the Japanese. Second Class Seaman Lawrence C. "Bucky" Meyer spent his off-duty hours repairing an abandoned machine gun, which he later used to shoot down a Japanese Zero fighter plane that was strafing the airfield. Meyer became the first decorated Seabee when he was awarded the Silver Star posthumously, as he was killed on a gasoline tanker by

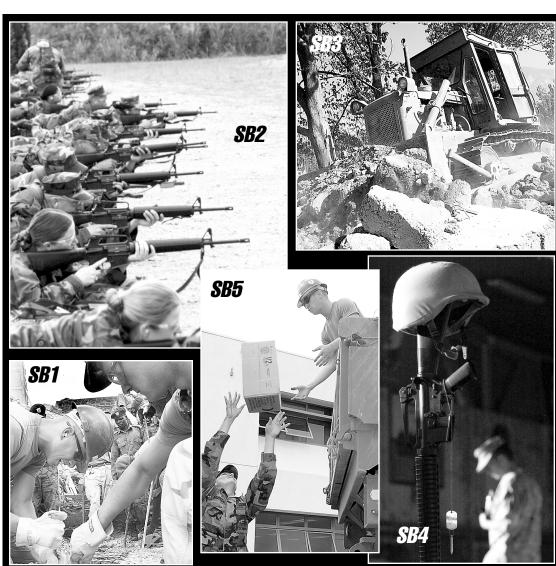
Japanese naval gunfire 13 days later. Gen. George S. Patton moved tanks across the Rhine River at Oppenheim on Seabee-crafted pontoon boats to execute a successful frontal assault.

As a rate, the Seabees received 33 Silver Stars and five Navy Crosses during World War II. The Pacific Seabees alone earned more than 2,000 Purple Hearts while serving on four continents and more than 300 islands. The awards came with a price, however. More than 270 enlisted men and 18 officers were killed in combat, while more than 500 more suffered fatal accidents on the job.

The contributions of the Seabees to the war-effort did not go unrecognized on the big screen. In 1944, The Fighting Seabees, a movie about the birth of the naval construction battalions, premiered in movie theaters and starred John Wayne and Susan Hayward. In 1977, the Duke would again visit the Seabee theme in his final film, Home for the Seabees, a Navy documentary filmed at Naval Construction Battalion Center, Port Hueneme, Calif., where The Fighting Seabees was also filmed.

After World War II, the Seabees continue to be a valuable force. During the Korean War, the Seabees landed at Inchon with

See Seabees, 5 -



Bricks -

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grow and expand the city's Veterans Park located at the corner of Bartlett Road and Bartlett Boulevard. However, McDonald told the committee members, "This monument must be

paid for by private donations from our community." So, they had to come up with a plan to make their idea a reality, including the two granite monuments. One fundraising idea was the Buy a Brick campaign. Commemorative bricks, which are being sold for \$100 each, will be inscribed

with the name of a veteran of the purchaser's choosing. Each brick's inscription will be limited to three lines and 20 characters per line. The red points of the monument's star would be made up of the commemorative bricks.

During the past three years, through commemora-

tive brick sales, fish fries and car washes, the committee has raised nearly \$50,000, of which \$40,000 is from commemorative brick sales. Their hard work caught the eye of one Bartlett City alderman, noting that the group had raised more money and in a shorter period than any

other committee. This impressed council members greatly and resulted in the City of Bartlett adding \$25,000 to the fund.

The groundbreaking and construction will begin as soon as the Bartlett City Council approves the contract. Bricks that are to be in place in time for the ded-

ication ceremony, tentatively scheduled for this fall, need to be purchased not later than Apr. 15. For more information on the monument, or to purchase a commemorative brick, contact Donna Denley at 388-0741 or the City of Bartlett at 385-6400.

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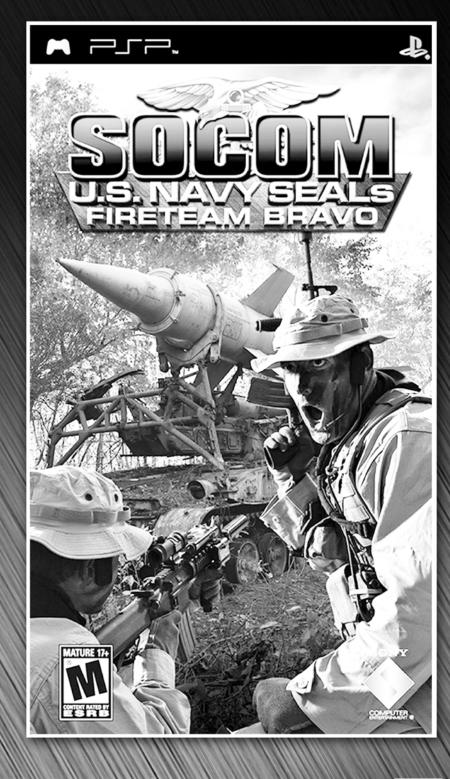


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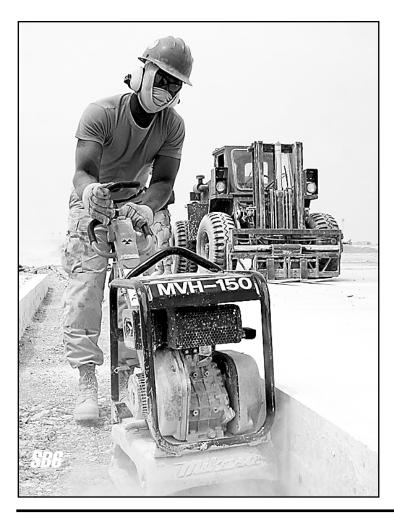
Seabees

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assault troops. Their abilities were demonstrated again in the Viet Nam War, where they consistently fought alongside the Marines and the Army. In the Persian Gulf, they built 10 camps, 14 galleys and six million square feet of aircraft parking apron.

During peacetime, the Seabees aid underdeveloped countries by building orphanages, schools, and roads in remote parts of the planet. After a devastating earthquake in 1953, they helped rebuild Greece. The Seabees began the construction of the naval air station on Diego Garcia in 1971. The base became a strategic port and airfield in the 1990s during operations Desert Shield and Desert Storm.

The strategic importance of the role of the Seabees is undeniable. They pour the foundations for our bases, and defend them while doing it. They stand in support of all the branches of the U.S. military, in every conflict, with an unfaltering and ingenious plan of attack. It seems the Seabees truly "can do" anything.



GASOLINE SAFETY TIPS:

* Report spills to the station atten-

* Turn off your vehicle's engine when refueling. * Keep gasoline and other fuels out

of children's sight and reach. Gasoline is highly toxic in addition to being a fire hazard. NEVER allow anyone under the age of 16 to pump gas. * Don't smoke, light matches or

use lighters while refueling. * Pay attention to what you're

doing. Pumping gas is the transfer of a hazardous substance; don't engage in other activities. inever use a ceil prione or otnei

bersonal electronic devices while refueling (for example, laptops, PDAs and electronic games). These items should be left in your vehicle.

* Use only the refueling latch on the gasoline dispenser nozzle, if there is one. Do not jam the latch with an object to hold it open.

* To avoid spills, do not top off or overfill your vehicle.

 $\ensuremath{^{*}}\mbox{\ensuremath{\mbox{After}}}$ pumping gasoline, leave the nozzle in the tank opening for a few seconds to avoid drips when you remove it.

* Don't get in and out of your vehi-

cle while refueling. A static electric charge can develop on your body as you slide across the seat, and when you reach for the pump, a spark can ignite gasoline vapor. If you must get into the vehicle during refueling, discharge any static electricity by touching metal on the outside of the vehicle, away from the filling point, before removing the nozzle from your vehi

 st Use only approved portable containers for transporting or storing gasoline. Make sure the container is in a stable position.

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* Fires caused by static charges have occurred when people filled portable containers in the back of pick-up trucks, particularly those with plastic bed liners. Removing the container will also prevent a dangerous spill of gasoline.

*When filling a portable container, keep the nozzle in direct contact with the container. Fill it only about 95 percent full to leave room for expan**PHOTOS FROM PAGE 4**

SBI U.S. Navy Seabees remove debris from a building that

collapsed on Nairobi's Ronald Ngala Street Kenya, Africa, Jan. 24. The Seabees are forward deployed from Camp Lemonier, Djibouti, Africa, assisting Kenyan authorities in the rescue and recovery operations. (Photo by Staff Sgt. Ricky A. Bloom, U.S. Air Force) SB2

Seabees assigned to Naval Mobile Construction Battalion Four (NMCB-4) conduct weapon qualifications with M-16 rifles at Camp Hansen Marine Base. NMCB-4 is currently on a scheduled deployment on the island of Okinawa, Japan. (Photo by PH3 Ronald Gutridge)

SB3

U.S. Navy Seabees assigned to (NMCB-74) use a D-5 bulldozer to remove debris from the Government Pilot School in Pakistan. The U.S Government is participating in a multinational humanitarian assistance and support effort led by the Pakistani Government to bring aid to victims of the devastating earthquake that struck the region Oct. 8. (Photo by PH2 Eric S. Powell)

SB4

BU3 Fabricio Moreno's rifle, Kevlar, boots and dog tags are assembled in accordance to military tradition during a memorial ceremony held in his honor in Djibouti. Moreno was assigned to (NMCB-3), Combined Joint Task Force-Horn of Africa. He died on Oct. 14, 2005, due to a single vehicle accident in Manda Bay, Africa. Moreno was part of a crew of Seabees working to restore and maintain facilities located at the forward operating base in that location. (U.S. Air Force photo by Stacy L. Pearsall)

U.S. Navy Seabees, assigned to (NMCB-40), load-up boxes of meals-ready-to-eat (MREs) in preparation for deploying to Gulfport, Miss., in the aftermath of the devastation caused by Hurricane Katrina. The Navy's involvement in the humanitarian assistance operations is led by FEMA, in conjunction with the Department of Defense. (Photo by JO2 Barbara Silkwood)

SB5

SB6

Left: BU3 Stephen Cohen, assigned to NMCB-24, relevels and packs the base of an airfield runway expansion joint trench at the air base in Al Asad, Iraq. The Seabees of NMCB-24 are currently engaged in a massive airfield runway restoration at the airbase in Al Asad, Iraq. Two and a half miles of the base's runways are being repaired, which will dramatically increase the base's capability for air traffic and operations. (Photo by JOI Mark Overstreet)

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By David Britton Peel Attorney at Law



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The Fine Print and Such

There is an old saying: "The large print giveth and the fine print

A little known bit of fine print exists in several different kinds of contracts that you may have right now. It is sometimes called an "automatic renewal clause.'

It will renew the contract for a specified term, unless it is cancelled. But usually the cancellation must be in writing and mailed at least 60 days before the original date of expiration. Even if you know it is there,

You may see it in your cellular phone contract. Also, each time you obtain a new phone or change your package, ask if you will be extending your contract more due to that change.

Health clubs, karate and dance schools, and some subscriptions use this method to renew members or subscribers. You can also look for "termination fees" in these type of agreements in the event you need to

Yet a more surprising item to look out for is the retail gift cards that lose value over time. Some larger stores chains actually program the cards you may be carrying right now to decrease in value each year for any unused balance. This is true even though they already have the money used to purchase it. Finally, if a collector calls you and says they are going to garnish

your check or sell your house due to unpaid debt, remember that they have to go and get a judgment to do that. To get a judgment, they have to take you to court and go through all the motions.

Lately, I have heard of some collectors trying to collect bills that are really old and threatening debtors with all sorts of horrible things. In many cases, the statute of limitations has run and they can never get a judgment.

But a certified letter telling them to leave you alone will usually work. If not, tape the calls and document them. Then you can seek help under the Federal Fair Debt Collections Act. While I do not do that type of work, I understand that the fines can be handsome.

At any rate, you are never required to talk to any rude collector, or anyone else like that. The phone in your home is there for YOUR convenience, not a salesman's or collector's. And, the Tennessee and Federal DO NOT CALL lists are a Godsend.

Tennessee Do Not Call Site: www2.state.tn.us/tra/nocallform.htm www.donotcall.gov Federal Do Not Call Site: http://www.donotcall.gov

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vehicle fires at service stations has more than doubled, partly because of the increase in the number of vehicles on the road, while structure fires and other fires decreased by 10 percent. Starting in the late 1990s, NFPA and other organizations have received isolated reports of flash fires, apparently caused by static electricity,

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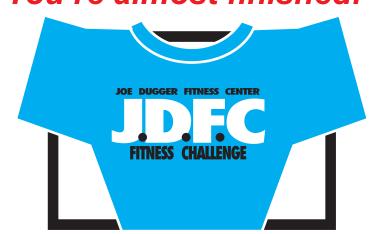
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Intercommand Over 30 Basketball

Rosters are due Thursday, March 23. Teams play scheduled on Mondays and Wednesdays beginning Monday, March 27. Coaches meeting scheduled for Friday, March 24 at 11 a.m. in the Intramural office located at N-82 Gym.

Rosters accepted at the N-82 gym, by email (apruitt@nsams.navy.mil) or fax (874-5409.) If you have any questions about intramural sports, or the N-82 Gym please contact Amy at the Athletic Office at 874-5383.



at Ellison Recreation Center

Supper is served 6 p.m. until the food is gone

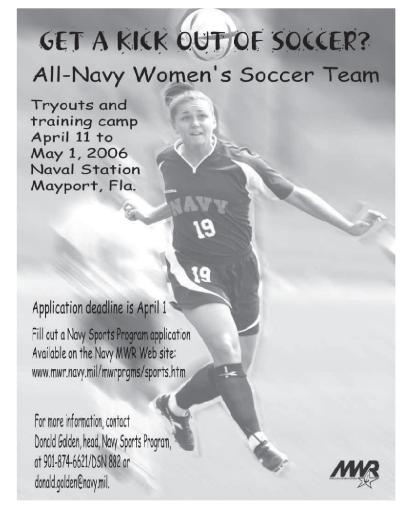
Single Sailors and Geo-Bachelors are invited to attend as guests at our Irish theme supper!

Afterwards stay and enjoy the free movie! "Cheaper by the Dozen" (PG 13) will be playing in Cinema 36 starting at 7 p.m.

MOSA supper for single sailors, geo bachelors and other military members stationed here at Navy Mid-South in order to thank them for their service.

For more information call (901) 874-5650

All-Navy Women's Soccer Team Needs Players to Apply





By Ingrid Mueller, Marketing and Multimedia Development Branch, CNI Millington Detachment

MILLINGTON, Tenn. The Navy Sports Program is looking for Sailors who are interested in competing for a spot on the All-Navy women's soccer team, which will hold its tryouts and training camp from April 11 to May 1 at Naval Station Mayport, Fla.

"Soccer is our largest women's All-Navy team sport, and we need a roster of at least 18 athletes to be able to field a team," said Donald Golden, head of the Navy Sports Program for the Navy's Morale, Welfare and Recreation (MWR) Division, Commander, Navy Installations Command (CNIC), Millington Detachment. "We would like to invite a group of at least 25 athletes to try out for the 18 available roster spots."

Sailors with high school or collegiate soccer experience are encouraged to complete a Navy Sports Program application, which is available on the MWR Web site at www.mwr.navy.mil/mwrprgms/sports.htm. The application, which gathers basic command and personal information, must be signed by the individual's commanding officer. Applications are due to the Navy Sports Office no later than April 1. To expedite the process, applications can also be submitted via fax to 901-874-6831/DSN 882.

"It's important to note that there is no cost to the Sailor's command," said Golden. "The Navy Sports Program will pay for all costs involved with participation in the program."

Athletes selected as members of the All-Navy women's soccer team will compete in the Armed Forces Sports Championships against teams from the Marine Corps, Army and Air Force. Following inter-service competition, the very best Navy soccer players will be selected to compete as members of the U.S. All-Armed Forces Team and go on to the Military World Games, which will be held in Paris, France, from May 22 to June 4. There the athletes will compete against teams from Germany, Canada, the Netherlands, France and ESALO (combined African team).

"We are also looking for Navy personnel who are interested in coaching the soccer team," added Golden. "Any base varsity coaches with prior experience in soccer are invited to submit the same application as the players," added

Completed applications should be faxed to the Navy Sports Office at 901-874-6831. Applications may also be mailed to: Commander, Navy Installations Command, Millington Detachment, Navy Sports Office, N221E, 5720 Integrity Drive, Bldg. 457, Millington, TN 38054-6510.

For the complete sports schedule and more information, including the Navy Sports application, please visit the Navy Sports Web

www.mwr.navy.mil/mwrprgms/sports.htm or call the Navy Sports Office at 901-874-6621/DSN 882 or e-mail at donald.golden@navy.mil.

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*	The Shaggy Dog	5:30-11pm		supervision, ride home (upon request)
1st - 5th	Movie (G)	Friday, 7 April	3/27	\$10 = Movie ticket, transportation to/from movie,
*	Ice Age 2	6-11pm		supervision, ride home (upon request)
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Adults \$8.95 Children age 5-10 half price Children under 5 eat free



St. Patrick's Day Special Friday, March 17

A special game of bingo played Friday, March 17. Free Dinner Special served 5-7 p.m.
Featured menu entree: Corned Beef and Cabbage

The bingo program includes "Early birds" at 6 p.m. and "Regular program" at 7 p.m. Overall daily payout approximately \$6000+ over thirty-two games with average minimum payouts of \$150 and jackpots up to \$1000 each. Bring your friends and family for a night of fun and excitement. Cash bar and food service available each night. The MWR bingo program is open to all MWR authorized patrons. Patrons must be 18 years of age to attend. The Seven Seas Bingo Hall is located in the Helmsman Complex (bldg. S-760) Navy Mid-South. For more information call 874-5443.

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TUESDAY

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THURSDAY

Coed Volleyball

Helmsman Lunch Buffet 17St. Patrick's Day **Special**

FRIDAY

Luck o the Irish Bingo Special St. Paddy's Pool Party

at the Ellison ITT St. Patrick's Day **Tunica Trip**

rosters due. Call 874-5188 for info. Youth Spring Break Play Days Mar

Free Movie 7 p.m. at the Ellison Rec. Center The Family Stone (PG 13)

Kiss Bang Bang (R)

Ham and Broccoli Linguini

Free Movie 7 p.m.

Helmsman Lunch Buffet $24\,$ Fried Catfish

FAMILY MOVIE DAY! Ellison Rec. Center Every Saturday 1 - 4 p.m. (Movie begins at 1:30 p.m.) Chronicles of Narnia (PG) Family Skate Night 7- 10 p.m. N-82 Gym For info call 874-5155

SATURDAY

Ballet, Jazz and

Tap Class

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Fun with Dick & Jane (PG 13)

25



Group Fitness Classes are offered Monday-Saturday at Joe Dugger Call 874-5497 for

information Free Movie 7 p.m.

Shop Girl (R)

Helmsman Lunch Buffet 20 Baked Meatloaf Country Fried Steak Spring begins

Family Recreation Night

5:30-7 p.m. at Youth Center Call 874-5155 for details!

Karate (Shorin-Ryu)

Free Movie 7 p.m.

Just Friends (PG 13)

5:30-7 p.m. at Youth Cente

MONDAY

Every day is a great day to stop by the

Ballroom Dance Class Every Tuesday

Cheaper by the Dozen 2 (PG 13)

Helmsman Lunch Buffet $21\,$

Mexican Buffet

Taco bar

Joe Dugger Fitness Center Call 874-5497 for information Free Movie 7 p.m.

Helmsman Lunch Buffet 22 Southern Fried Chicken Liver and Onions

Family Recreation Night 5:30-7 p.m. at Youth Center Call 874-5155 for details! Karate (Shorin-Ryu)

BINGO 4-10 p.m. Bingo Hall!

Free Movie 7 p.m. The Ringer (PG 13) Helmsman Lunch Buffet 23 Roast Beef Pit Smoked Ham

> Over 30 Basketball League March-April Rosters due today.

Free Movie 7 p.m.

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St. Patrick's Day is a mix of religious and secular traditions and customs

By JOC TERESA J. FRITH **NPC COMMUNICATIONS**

St. Patrick's Day, celebrated on March 17, is a holiday that has generated religious ceremonies as well as worldly events such as parades, parties and other celebrations.

St. Patrick was born sometime in the late fourth century in Britain to wealthy parents. His given name was Maewyn Succat, which he changed to Patricius after he was baptized and made a priest. At the age of 16, he was captured and sold into slavery in Ireland. For the next six years, he worked as a shepherd and was said to have religious visions. In one of these visions God told him it was time to leave Ireland, so he escaped to the coast and took a ship back to Britain. Once there, he had a second vision that told him he should return to Ireland to be a mission-

spent the next 15 years studying to become a missionary and returned to Ireland to minister to the Christians there and to convert others to Christianity. In fact, the legend that says that St. Patrick made all the snakes in Ireland leave can be traced to this mission. Snakes are a metaphor for the Druids, a Celtic religion popular in Ireland at that time. Patrick was so successful at converting them over to Christianity, that it was said he "drove all the snakes from

St. Patrick's Day started as a Catholic holy day to honor the date of Saint Patrick's death, which was March 17, A.D. 461. For thousands of years it was celebrated with Catholic masses, and was a day for spiritual renewal and offering prayers to missionaries worldwide. It is still primarily

in recent years they have used St. In order to accomplish this, he Patrick's Day as an opportunity to support tourism show Ireland to the rest of the world. Every year in Dublin, close to one million people come to celebrate with parades, concerts, outdoor theater and fireworks.

The first St. Patrick's Day celebrations in the United States were in Boston, Mass. in 1737. The day is celebrated by the wearing of the green, parades, drinking green beer, and special Irish programs that highlight Irish history and folklore. In big cities like Chicago, they even dye the entire river green for the day!

While wearing green is popular in the United States, it is not worn in Ireland. The "wearing of the green" goes back to the threeleaf clover, which was a symbol of Ireland worn by the Irish regiments of the Queen's army in honor of St. Patrick. Patrick was a religious festival in Ireland, but said to have used the three-leaf

(medevac) missions.

clover, or shamrock, as a way to explain the religious trinity of Father, Son and Holy Spirit.

In the 19th century it become an emblem of rebellion. Wearing the shamrock was then outlawed and punishable by death to wear it, so wearing green brings back bad memories.

American school children began a more light-hearted "wearing of the green" tradition. It is now popular for children to pinch any classmate that doesn't wear green on that date.

Another misconception is that the Irish celebrate by eating corned beef and cabbage, but a more traditional meal for them would actually be bacon and cab-

All in all, St. Patrick's Day is one that is rich in history and traditions for anyone of Irish decent, and is a day "adopted" by many others all over the world. Happy St. Patrick's Day to all!

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NASCAR Heads to Atlanta

By Jeffery Nichols **COMMANDER NAVY RECRUITING COMMAND PUBLIC AFFAIRS**

No. 88 Navy "Accelerate Your Life" Monte Carlo rolls into the Atlanta Motor Speedway to participate in the Nicorette 300 in Atlanta, Ga, March 18.

Driver Mark McFarland will be at the wheel of Dale Earnhardt Jr.'s JR Motorsportsowned No.

Navy "Accelerate Your Life" Monte Carlo McFarland

Busch Series standings as of the March 4 race in Mexico City. The fleet honoree for the race will be the Antisubmarine Helicopter

(Helantisubron) Seven (HS 7) Dustydogs. HS 7 is a carrier-based helicopter unit, stationed at NAS Jacksonville, Fla. It serves as the primary search and rescue

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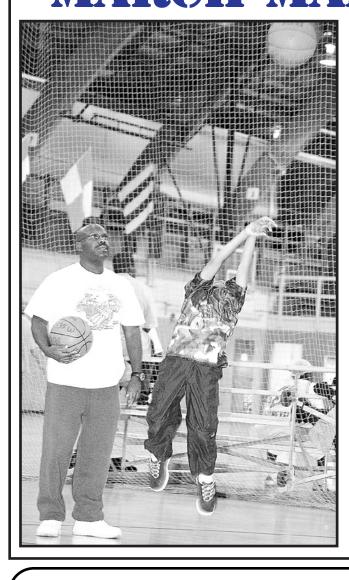
The Navy has used its association with NASCAR over the past two years to increase America's awareness of the

from cargo and personnel transopportunities to serve our great country. The Atlanta race will fers to medical evacuation be televised live at 3 p.m. EST on the FX Network and broadcast on Performance Racing Network (PRN) radio.



In the Race - No. 88 Navy "Accelerate Your Life" Monte Carlo rolls into the Atlanta Motor Speedway to participate in the Nicorette 300 in Atlanta, Ga, March 18. (Photo courtesy of CNRC)

MARCH MADNESS



While much of the Memphis area basketball fans' attention is tuned to the Tigers and the NCAA Tournament, YN2 Gregory Jones is busy watching his son, Matthew, take a shot while playing basketball at the N-82 gymnasium Monday evening. (Photo by Art Frith)

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